

## INTERESTING EVENTS.

### BRIGHT SAYINGS OF OUR EXCHANGES.

A Potpourri of Humor, Current Comment and Business Notices—Interesting State News.

**You Know What You Are Taking.**  
When you take Grove's Tasteless Chili Tonic, because the formula is plainly printed on every bottle showing that it is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. No Cure, No Pay, 50 cents. (If

According to the news reports, big money-making offers are now fairly pouring in on Miss Stone the missionary. Wonder if she will pay back any of that ransom fund to subscribers?

**The Best Prescription for Malaria.**  
Chills and Fever is a bottle of Grove's Tasteless Chili Tonic. It is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. No Cure, No Pay. Price 50 cents. (If

Floods, following so closely upon the recent storms of sleet, snow, wind and rain, have all but paralyzed telegraph and long distance telephone service in all the Atlantic coast towns and Southern States north of Florida.

**To Cure a Cold in One Day.**  
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. Price, 25 cents. (If

We marvel at the ignorance of our neighbors, but our own intellectual shortcomings are attributed to a poor memory.

**Stops the Cough and Works off the Cold.**  
Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure, No Pay. Price 25 cents. (If

A woman went to the Klondike against her husband's will and came back worth a million, finding him a motorman on a Tacoma trolley line. Will she stick to her husband now, or get a divorce and marry a plutocrat like herself? That is what people are asking.

**No Sweet and Pleasant in Taste!**  
Mrs. C. Peterson, 625 Lake St., Toledo, Kan., speaking of Ballard's Horehound Syrup says: "It has never failed to give me satisfaction, and of all cough remedies, it is my favorite, and I must confess to my many friends that it will do, and has done, what is claimed for it—to speedily cure a cough or cold; and it is so sweet and pleasing in taste." 25c, 50c at DeSoto Drug Co.

The author of "Goo-Goo-Eyes" is dead. The only thing about this announcement is that he didn't die before he wrote it.

**Cures Solitary Rheumatism.**  
Mrs. A. E. Simpson, 509 Craig St., Tampa, writes, June 20, 1891: "I have been trying the baths of hot Springs Ark. for solitary rheumatism, but I get more relief from Ballard's Snow Liniment than any medicine or anything I have ever tried. Enclosed find postoffice order for \$1.00. Send me a large bottle by Southern Express. Sold by DeSoto Drug Co."

When a sovereign State bumps against a combination of railway companies, it generally finds out that it isn't as sovereign as it might be.

**A Physician Writes.**  
"I am desirous of knowing if the profession can obtain Herbine in bulk for prescribing purposes? It has been of great use to me in treating cases of dyspepsia brought on by excesses or overwork. I have never known it to fail in restoring the organs affected to their beautiful activity." 50c a bottle at DeSoto Drug Co.

At present South Carolina cuts even a worse figure than Delaware in the Senate

**Children's Coughs and Colds.**  
Mrs. Joe McGrath, 227 E. 1st St., Hutchinson, Kan., writes: "I have given Ballard's Horehound Syrup to my children for coughs and colds for the past four years, and find it the best medicine I ever used." Unlike many cough syrups, it contains no opium, but will soothe and heal any disease of the throat or lungs quicker than any other remedy, 25c, 50c at DeSoto Drug Co.

Prince Henry is beginning to appear in the "Before" and "After" medical ads. His fame is now secure.

**When you wake up with a bad taste in your mouth you may know that you need a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach & Liver Tablets.** They will cleanse your stomach, improve your appetite and make you feel like a new man. They are easy to take, being sugar coated and pleasant in effect. For sale by Gulf Pharmacy and DeSoto Drug Co.

A new postoffice has been established at Wicon, Hernando county, Florida.

**Having a Run on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.**

Between the hours of eleven o'clock, a. m. and closing time at night on Jan. 25, 1901, A. F. Clark, druggist, Glade Springs, Fla., sold twelve bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He says: "I never handled a medicine that sold better or gave better satisfaction to my customers." This Remedy has been in general use in Virginia for many years, and the people there are well acquainted with its excellent qualities. Many of them have testified to the remarkable cures which it has effected. When you need a good, reliable medicine for a cough or cold, or attack of the grip, use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and you are certain to be more than pleased with the quick cure which it affords. For sale by Gulf Pharmacy and DeSoto Drug Co.

**A Printer Greatly Surprised.**  
"I never was so much surprised in my life, as I was with the results of using Chamberlain's Pain Balm," says Henry T. Crook, pressman of the Asheville, (N. C.) Gazette. "I contracted a severe case of rheumatism early last winter by getting my feet wet. I tried several things for it without benefit. One day while looking over the Gazette, I noticed that Pain Balm was positively guaranteed to cure rheumatism, so I bought a bottle of it, and before using two-thirds of it my rheumatism had taken its flight and I have not had a rheumatic pain since." For sale by Gulf Pharmacy and DeSoto Drug Co.

The French newspaper, Paris La Patrie says: "England is a nation of pirates, who, thanks to the protection of the sea, have been able to defy the continent for three centuries. But the day is near at hand when this bloodthirsty robber nation will be made to pay for its many crimes against mankind."

You will never wish to take another dose of pills if you once try Chamberlain's Stomach & Liver Tablets. They are easier to take and more pleasant in effect. They cleanse the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. For sale by Gulf Pharmacy and DeSoto Drug Co.

It is estimated that King Edward's coronation will cost \$2,000,000. England needn't feel so bad, though. A lot of it will be good American money.

**Chronic Diarrhoea.**  
Mr. C. B. Wingfield, of Fair Play, Mo., who suffered from chronic dysentery for thirty-five years, says Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy did him more good than any other medicine he had ever used. For sale by Gulf Pharmacy and DeSoto Drug Co.

"I see," remarked the Tobaccoist wearily, to the Wooden Indian, "that they are discussing that old question of whether it's the United States is, or the United States are." I thought we settled that for good in 1865."

**How or Inflamed Lungs**

Yield rapidly to the wonderful curative and healing qualities of Foley's Honey and Tar. It prevents pneumonia and consumption from a hard cold settled on the lungs. DeSoto Drug Co.

When a man becomes imbued with the notion that he has a monopoly of being right on all questions, he is sure to make trouble for himself.

La grippe coughs yield quickly to the wonderful curative qualities of Foley's Honey and Tar. There is nothing else "just as good." DeSoto Drug Co.

**Foley's Honey and Tar**  
Cures coughs and colds.  
Cures bronchitis and asthma.  
Cures croup and whooping cough.  
Cures hoarseness and bronchial troubles.  
Cures pneumonia and la grippe. DeSoto Drug Co.

C. H. McFarland, a negro trucker of Bloomfield, received \$21.28 net for less than three baskets of English peas.

**Cough Settled on Her Lungs.**  
"My daughter had a terrible cough which settled on her lungs," says N. Jackson, of Danville, Ill. "We tried a great many remedies without relief, until we gave her Foley's Honey and Tar which cured her." Refuse substitutes. DeSoto Drug Co.

The Florida State Horticultural Society will meet at Tampa May 22.

**Foley's Kidney Cure** makes the kidneys and bladder right. Contains nothing injurious. DeSoto Drug Co.

The modest sum of \$73,500 is what Miss Stone's capture cost her friends. Dear missionary work, that!

**A Severe Cold for Three Months.**

The following letter from A. J. Nurnbaum, of Batavia, Ind., tells its own story: "I suffered for three months with a severe cold. A druggist prepared me some medicine, and a physician prescribed for me, yet I did not improve. I then tried Foley's Honey and Tar, and eight doses cured me." Refuse substitutes. DeSoto Drug Co.

F. D. Waits, of Palmetto, last week sold twenty boxes of grapefruit for \$6.50 per box, f. o. b.

**Dangers of Pneumonia.**

A cold at this time if neglected is liable to cause pneumonia which is so often fatal, and even when the patient has recovered the lungs are weakened, making them peculiarly susceptible to the development of consumption. Foley's Honey and Tar will stop the cough, heal and strengthen the lungs and prevent pneumonia. For sale by DeSoto Drug Co.

Some of the Grand Island, Lake county, shippers of English peas have received this season as high as \$8.00 per crate.

**Pneumonia Follows a Cold**

But never follows the use of Foley's Honey and Tar. It stops the cough, heals and strengthens the lungs and affords perfect security from an attack of pneumonia. Refuse substitutes. For sale by DeSoto Drug Co.

The State convention of the Florida Christian Endeavor Society will meet in Tallahassee on March 14 for a three days session.

**Lockjaw From Coughs.**

Cubbeba put on a cut lately gave a woman lockjaw. Millions know that the best thing to put on a cut is Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the infallible healer of Sores, Wounds, Ulcers, Skin Eruptions, Burns, Scalds and Piles. It cures or no pay. Only 25 cents at all drug stores.

**Would Smash the Club.**  
If members of the "Hay Fever Association" would use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, the club would go to pieces, for it always cures this malady, and Asthma, the kind that baffles the doctors, it wholly drives from the system. Thousands of once hopeless sufferers from Consumption, Pneumonia, Bronchitis, who live and health to it. It conquers Grip, saves little ones from Croup and Whooping Cough and is positively guaranteed for all Throat and Lung troubles. 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottles free at all druggists.

The stockholders of the S. F. & W. Railway have decided to issue \$3,000,000 of 50 year 4 per cent bonds, with which to retire old ones drawing 5 to 7 per cent and also to acquire new property to the amount of \$6,000,000.

**The Vice of Negligence**  
Clouds the happiness of the home, but a nagging woman often needs help. She may be so nervous and run down in health that trifles annoy her. If she is melancholy, excitable, troubled with loss of appetite, headache, sleeplessness, constipation or fainting and dizzy spells, she needs Electric Bitters, the most wonderful remedy for alling women. Thousands of sufferers from female troubles, nervous troubles, backache and weak kidneys have used it, and become healthy and happy. Try it. Only 50c. All druggists guarantee satisfaction.

**Chronic Diarrhoea.**  
A Pensacola smack last week brought in 6,000 red snappers, which is claimed to be the largest catch ever made on the Gulf. For this catch each of the crew got \$60.50; mate and cook \$82.40 each and captain \$130.70.

**Can't Keep It Secret.**  
The splendid word of Dr. King's New Life Pills is daily coming to light. No such grand remedy for Liver and Bowel troubles was ever known before. Thousands bless them for curing Constipation, Sick Headache, Biliousness, Jaundice and Indigestion. Try them. 25c at all drug stores.

### Tax Assessor's Notice.

Gardner, Saturday, March 8.  
Brownsville, Monday, March 10.  
Arcadia, Tuesday, March 11 to 15.  
Nocatee, Monday, March 17.  
Fort Ogden Postoffice, Tuesday, March 18.  
Fort Ogden R. R. station, Wednesday, March 19.  
Cleveland, Thursday, March 20.  
Grove City, Saturday, March 22.  
Charlotte Harbor, Tuesday, March 25.  
Punta Gorda, Wednesday, March 26 to 28 inclusive.

**F. M. COOPER,**  
Tax Assessor.  
**Dissolution of Partnership.**  
Windham and Burnham have this day dissolved partnership. A. S. Burnham selling his interest to R. S. Windham. All persons owing to the firm will pay to R. S. Windham and R. S. Windham will pay all the bills owing from the firm. Signed, A. S. BURNHAM, R. S. WINDHAM.

**Dissolution of Partnership.**  
NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between C. W. Driver and John A. Pepper, doing business as Driver & Co., under a mercantile business at Arcadia, Florida, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All persons owing to the firm will pay to John A. Pepper, and John A. Pepper will pay all the bills owing from the firm. Signed, C. W. DRIVER, JOHN A. PEPPER.

**For Over Sixty Years.**  
Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, kills all pain, cures inflammation, and the best remedy for diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Beware of cheap imitations. Be sure to ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" and take no other.

**Ordinance No. 53.**  
An Ordinance to create the office of General Superintendent of the town of Punta Gorda, Florida.  
Be it ordained by the Council of the town of Punta Gorda, Florida:  
That there shall be and hereby is created and established in and to the town of Punta Gorda, Florida, the office of General Superintendent, to be called the Office of General Superintendent, with the appropriate standing committee of the council shall have the supervision and care of the streets and sidewalks, lamps and lighting, the fire department, the care and custody of the jail, and prisoners and boarding or feeding the same, and the general sanitary condition of the town of Punta Gorda, Florida. The Council shall appoint some suitable person to be called General Superintendent of the town, to fill such office, and to perform all the duties thereof, who shall hold the said office at the will and pleasure of the said council.

The salary of said officer shall be twenty dollars per month, which is to include the boarding of all prisoners, to be paid out of the police fund of said town, and shall hold said office at the will and pleasure of said council.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances and resolutions in conflict with this ordinance is hereby repealed.

John C. Pepper, President of Council.  
Attest: W. B. Hardee, Town Clerk.  
6 Approved. A. C. Freeman, Mayor.

**Ordinance No. 54.**  
Be it ordained by the Council of the town of Punta Gorda, Florida:

That Joel J. Addison shall be and hereby is authorized to build and keep in repair a pier from the foot of Taylor street in the town of Punta Gorda, Florida, along the line of what is known as the Sandbar dock, and shall have the right to use and occupy the same so long as he shall keep the same in good repair and safe for public travel. All boats and small water craft shall have the right to use the said pier free of charge, except for damages. Others may build and erect houses along the line of said pier if they contribute equally in keeping the pier in repair. Whenever the said Addison shall fail, neglect or refuse to keep the said pier in good repair and in safe condition for public travel, then this franchise shall cease and be void.

John C. Pepper, President of Council.  
Attest: W. B. Hardee, Town Clerk.  
Approved. A. C. Freeman, Mayor.

**Foley's Kidney Cure** makes kidneys and bladder right.

**Ordinance No. 17.**  
Pertaining to Dog Licenses.  
Be it ordained by the council of the town of Punta Gorda, Florida:

1. That the owner of each and every dog shall pay license tax of one dollar per year for males and two dollars per year for bitches.

2. All proud bitches shall be kept shut up by the owner or keeper.

3. Each and every proud bitch found running at large on the streets, shall subject the owner to a fine of ten dollars for each and every offence.

4. All dogs must wear a collar with number attached to it. Meial tags with number and owners name stamped thereon, shall be supplied to the owner of each dog on application to the town clerk, said tags to be returned to the town clerk at the end of each license year when a re-issue will be made.

5. All dogs found running at large without said number attached to the collar shall be impounded and advertised for three days by the marshal by posting up a notice in three conspicuous places in the town. Owners coming forward in the time specified can recover their dogs on the payment of twenty-five cents for each dog so impounded.

6. In the event of the owners not coming forward, claiming his or her dog within the three days above specified and paying the cost thereof, the dog shall be sold, or have the dog or dogs taken beyond the corporate limits and killed.

7. The marshal shall keep a record of all dogs within the corporate limits by the number and owners and keepers names set opposite to the number.

8. The marshal shall receive a fee of fifty per centum of all sums collected for pound fees.

All ordinances in conflict with the provisions hereof are repealed.

Passed by council in session this first day of October, A. D. 1901.

B. Bassett, President Council.  
Approved A. C. Freeman, Mayor.  
Attest: W. B. Hardee, Town Clerk.

**Ordinance No. 16.**  
Pertaining to Public Road Tax Due the Town of Punta Gorda, Florida.

Be it ordained by the council of the town of Punta Gorda, Florida:

Sec. 1. That the territory embraced within the corporate limits of the town of Punta Gorda be and the same is hereby divided into separate and independent road districts under the control of municipal authorities of said town.

2. It shall be the duty of the mayor and president of the town council on the first Monday in May in each year, or as soon thereafter as is possible, to meet the county commissioners and agree with them upon the amount of road tax of DeSoto county to which the town of Punta Gorda is entitled, and obtain the warrant or warrants upon the county treasurer for the same.

The amount ascertained and agreed upon to be due said town as its pro-rata share of the road tax, shall be collected from the county treasurer by the treasurer of the town of Punta Gorda and by him paid to the county treasurer.

3. The tax to be expended by the municipal authorities of the town of Punta Gorda, in making, altering, maintaining and keeping in repair the public streets and bridges as provided by the ordinance of said town.

All ordinances in conflict with the provisions hereof are repealed.

Passed by council in session this first day of October, A. D. 1901.

B. Bassett, President Council.  
Approved A. C. Freeman, Mayor.  
Attest: W. B. Hardee, Town Clerk.

**Ordinance No. 15.**  
Vaccination.

Be it ordained by the Council of the town of Punta Gorda, Florida:

Section 1. That the Council of the town of Punta Gorda, Florida, shall provide for the vaccination and revaccination of all children residing within the corporate limits of the town of Punta Gorda.

2. It is hereby made the duty of every parent, guardian or other person charged with the care of, or responsible for any child in said town of Punta Gorda, to have such child vaccinated or re-vaccinated as herein provided if it has not already been vaccinated or re-vaccinated.

3. Every parent, guardian, youth or infant, residing within the corporate limits of Punta Gorda, shall be vaccinated or re-vaccinated within the time hereinafter specified, unless such person can present satisfactory evidence to the health officer or mayor of Punta Gorda of having been previously vaccinated or re-vaccinated.

4. No person in said town producing a certificate of vaccination or revaccination shall be required to be vaccinated.

5. It is hereby made the duty of the health officer of Punta Gorda to provide for the examination of all citizens as to vaccination in every year.

6. The Mayor of Punta Gorda shall make provision for the vaccination of all persons coming within the meaning of the foregoing ordinance.

7. The Council shall provide a vaccination bureau where public vaccination will be performed once in every week.

8. Every person coming within the provisions of this ordinance shall be vaccinated within sixty days after the passing of this ordinance.

9. It shall be the duty of the marshal of Punta Gorda to carry out the instructions of the health officer or mayor with respect to this ordinance.

10. Any person violating this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined more than ten dollars, or be imprisoned in the jail of the town of Punta Gorda at hard labor not exceeding sixty days, or by fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the mayor.

That all ordinances in conflict with the provisions hereof are repealed.

Passed in session this 1st day of October, A. D. 1901.

B. Bassett, President Council.  
Attest: W. B. Hardee, Town Clerk.  
Approved. A. C. Freeman, Mayor.

## LIVING IN LONDON.

### It Is Not a Good Place for a Man of Small Income.

An American who in the classical language of his country is at present "located" in London wants to know whether any city in the world is quite so abominable as his town.

He has been going the round of the London restaurants and has encountered in the management of them a spirit which distresses him. "There is, to begin with," he says, "a charge of from two-pence to sixpence for guarding your hat and coat in the cloakroom, and a tip in addition is expected. You want to wash your hands—another twopenny or another sixpence and another tip. You take up the menu, and behold, there is an intimation that a charge of threepence each person will be made under the guise of 'table money.' The charge varies according to the nature of the place. Threepence is the lowest and sixpence perhaps the average. At a great many restaurants it is 1 shilling and in at least two that I have visited, 1s. 6d. The only difference is that in the lower priced restaurants it is called 'table money' and in the higher priced ones placed under the captivating heading of 'covert.' To my mind, an entrance fee frankly demanded at the door would be much less offensive than to find yourself asked at the end of a dinner to pay for the trouble and expense of cleaning up the cutlery you have used."

His conclusion of the whole matter is that "London lives by imposing a fixed tariff on the accessories that in every other city I have ever been to are thrown in gratis," and he thinks that a gentleman is one of the most expensive professions an Englishman can have. He declares it to be an utter delusion that London is a cheap place to live in. "For the poor man," he says, "the man whose income is less than \$800 a year, there is no city where less can be had in the way of comforts and even the necessities of life. In New York it is only the luxuries that cost. The expenses of everyday living may be as great or as small as one cares to make them. New York, in fact, is laid out for the poor man. From the transportation system to the price of such fundamental charges on the household treasury as coal, ice, fuel, meat, bread, milk and fruit, almost everything conspires to bring him in a good return for a very small outlay. All these things are cheaper in New York than in London."—London Chronicle.

## Bills in Congress.

The words "has introduced a bill in Congress," applied to a senator or representative, usually sound much larger than their ordinary meaning warrants. In order properly to estimate the value of the introduction of a bill one must remember that of 12,000 or 15,000 measures introduced a few hundred only are passed. As for proposed amendments to the constitution, the infant mortality among them is appalling. Each new congress sees a score or more of proposals for a "sixteenth amendment to the constitution." No shall doubtless some time have such a thing, yet three amendments, all of which were consequences of a great civil war, represent the only changes made in the constitution since the presidency of Thomas Jefferson.—Youth's Companion.

## Houses and Superstitions.

"Real estate men are gradually forgetting most of the old time superstitions which used to cause us much trouble," said a dealer the other day. "The number of houses which cannot be rented or sold on account of being haunted or because some terrible crime was committed on the premises is rapidly decreasing. We run across only a few people who balk at living in houses No. 13. Even elderly men who have made big fortunes are beginning to believe that there is nothing in the old saying that the aged rich man builds a mansion to die in."—New York Tribune.

## The Whip Tree.

In the island of Jamaica grows a tree, with the botanic name Daphne latifolia, from the branches of which native workmen make peculiarly strong and excellent whips, which have the handle and lash all of a piece. The handle consists of a part of the stem retaining the bark. For the lash the stem is deprived of bark and then split into strips, which are woven together in a flexible cord six or seven feet in length. The proper taper is afforded by detaching more and more of the strips as the end of the lash is approached.

## Composite.

Dashaway—Quilldrier seems to be a fellow of extremes—one who writes awful snarl and sublime prose and who is at the same time an idiot and a genius.

Cleverton—Where did you get such an idea?

Dashaway—I've just been reading the reviews of his latest book.—Harper's Bazar.

## Distinctly Original.

Clara—But were the pictures described in Tom's book at all like the real places and did the men and women act and talk like real people?

Edith—Mercy, no! The book is distinctly original. That is the charm of it, you know.—Boston Transcript.

## Pleasant While It Lasted.

"What would you do if you woke up some morning to find that you had inherited a million dollars?"

"I'd turn over on the other side and try to dream it again."—Chicago Record-Herald.

## France produces \$15,000,000 worth of chestnuts a year and Italy \$20,000,000 worth.

**How the Peach Was Produced.**  
That the luscious peach has been derived from the hard shelled almond can no longer be successfully denied. It is said that the peach in its original soil was a virulent poison and that the Persian warriors brought to Persia some of the seeds and planted them for the purpose of poisoning the points of their arrows so as to render wounds caused by them to be fatal, but a change of climate and soil produced a fruit which is not only luscious, but is esteemed exceedingly healthful.

## BANNER SALVE

the most healing salve in the world.

## THE ALLIGATOR.

### He Is Always in Good Humor When Caching Flies.

"The alligator is a funny beast," said the old circus man. "The old fellows we have in the menagerie is a circus tempered chap. Often at feeding time he won't open his mouth, and we tickle the top of his nose. An alligator's nose is very sensitive, and it always makes him very mad. He throws back his upper jaw like a collar door on hinges. Then we throw in a chunk of beef, five pounds or so, and repeat the performance until we've filled him up with about twenty-five pounds, which it takes to give him a square meal."

"He's never cross when he's catching flies. That always puts him in good humor. One would think a fly a small tidbit for an alligator, but they eat them wholesale. Our old alligator is an expert fly catcher. He throws back his upper jaw and goes to sleep apparently. The flies light on his under jaw, and he waits until it is pretty well covered with flies—until its red color seems about changed to black. Then suddenly he slams down his upper jaw, and he has a fine mouthful of flies. Alligators would make excellent flytraps for houses where there are no children, except that they are expensive, as they consume such a vast quantity of beef."—Houston Post.

## Talking For Bancombe.

The expression was used toward the close of the famous debate on the Missouri compromise in the sixteenth congress (1819). Bancombe, a county in the western section of North Carolina, was then part of the congressional district represented by Felix Walker, a resident of Waynesville, in the adjacent county of Haywood.

The house was impatient to bring the long debate to an issue when old man Walker (he was then sixty-eight years of age) rose to speak, and he was greeted with loud cheers for "Question." Several members gathered around him, begging him to desist; others left the hall, but he kept the floor, declaring that the people of his district expected a speech from him, that he was bound to talk for Bancombe (or words to that effect), and he did.

This Felix Walker had been in his younger days the friend and companion of Daniel Boone, when the latter explored Kentucky and founded Boonsborough. After representing North Carolina from 1817 to 1823 he was a member of the state legislature and died in 1830 a short time after removing to Mississippi.

## German Birthday Cakes.

The custom of having a birthday cake is widespread in Germany. I know it for certain that it is prevalent in the province of Saxony, in Hanover and the mark of Brandenburg. As many lights as the one whose birthday it is has years are stuck around the cake, or the Torte, a thick one in the middle, called the Lebkuchen, the light of life. For persons advanced in years one candle must do duty, as otherwise too many would be required, or a skillful lawyer expresses the exact number of years in Roman figures (XX, L).

When Moltke completed his seventieth year during the campaign of 1870-71, Crown Prince Frederick William, later an Emperor Frederick, presented him with a cake adorned with seventy lights.

Only he or she who celebrates his or her birthday may put out the light of life. It is unlucky if done by any other member of the family.—Notes and Queries.

**Saved the Lamp.**  
An amusing scene occurred at a New York dock the other night. A Scotch engineer, who wished to go ashore, ordered a boy to show him the way with a lantern. As he was crossing the narrow plank that served as a gangway the boy slipped and fell into the water. The instinct of the trip Scot instantly showed itself. "Hold on to the lamp, boy," the engineer shouted, leaning over toward the water. "Do you hear? If it's lost, there's a dollar gone from your wages."

After some time the boy was rescued, half drowned, but clinging to the lamp. As some compensation for his trouble he was forgiven for losing the bottom of it.

## A Lottery.

"I want a lottery ticket," he said. "Certainly," replied the police clerk. He knew a thing or two, did the clerk. A little thing like an old joke could not disturb him. "We don't call 'em lottery tickets, but of course they are much the same thing."

Then he filled out the marriage license and collected \$2.—Chicago Post.

**Dickens's Finances.**  
Dickens did not begin to save money until he was nearly forty, and throughout life he suffered acutely and incessantly from pecuniary worries and anxieties. He was never short of ready money after his great crisis of 1844, but he was never easy about the future until after his enormously profitable second American trip in the winter of 1857-58.

## Secrets of Comfort.

Though sometimes small evils, like invisible insects, inflict pain and a single hair may stop a vast machine, yet the chief secret of comfort lies in not suffering trifles to vex one and in prudently cultivating an undergrowth of small pleasures since very few great ones, alas, are let on long leases.

The Egyptian perfume, according to